Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Rs. 23,000.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the name of that lawyer ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any other lawyer was engaged ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Is it for Periyar Arbitration case?

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: No, for any other purpose any other lawyer from outside ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Government engaged the services of a lawyer in connection with the legal and constitutional matters that were under negotiation with the Government of India.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the name of that lawyer ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: I want to know whether any other lawyer was engaged ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No other lawyer was engaged during the period under reference.

President : As my name has been mentioned, I may explain to the House the circumstances in which I was engaged to represent Travancore in the Periyar Arbitration case. Certain newspapers in Travancore raised an objection that the monthly remuneration paid to me by the State was extravagant. I thereupon indicated to the Head of the Government at the time that I was anxious that such criticisms should not be levelled against me and that I would not accept any monthly remuneration but I would charge Travancore exactly the same fees that I had been charging for many years in respect of every case for which I was engaged by or on behalf of an Indian State. My usual fees had been Rs. 2,000 per day for appearance in court or other tribunal or functionary before I became Dewan of Travancore. It was made clear that the State may engage any one else if these terms were considered onerous.

Productivity of the soil of the several varieties of paddy lands.

93. **Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the productivity of the soil of any or all the varieties of paddy lands in Travancore has increased or decreased during (*i*) the last five years and (*ii*) the last ten years ;

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(*b*) if there be an increase in productivity, the causes for it;

(*c*) whether such increase in productivity is more or less uniform throughout the State or not ;

(*d*) the percentage of such increase in productivity (*i*) for the last five years and (*ii*) for the last ten years ;

(*e*) if there be any decrease in the productive capacity of the soil the causes for it ;

(*f*) whether the increase in productivity is more or less uniform throughout the State or not ; and

(*g*) the percentage of such decrease in productivity for the last (*i*) five years and (*ii*) ten years ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : It is not possible to make any general statement regarding increase or decrease of productivity of the soil of the paddy fields in Travancore. None of the natural phenomena controlling soil productivity have undergone any cataclysmic changes within the past 10 years. Individual fields may have improved or deteriorated according as they were carefully or indifferently cultivated by the owners.

Settlement of jenmikaram on Kanom properties.

91. ❋ **Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that jenmikaram is settled on certain kinds of Kanom properties only and not on all kinds of properties which are actually held and enjoyed as Kanom ;

(*b*) what the kinds of properties are on which jenmikaram is now being settled ; and

(*c*) what kinds of Kanom properties are being excluded from settling their jenmikaram by the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer ?

Mr. K. Paramsesvara Panickar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Those which come under the purview of Section 3 (*i*) of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

(*c*) Those which do not come under Section 3 (*i*) of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether Government will take steps to settle jenmikaram on other lands only ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panikar : Government are estopped from taking action to settle jenmikarom on lands which do not fall within Section 3 (1) of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

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